CURRENT TOPICS

C. J. STUDD, one of the leading ericketers in England, has abandoned sport and intends to go as a missionary

THE population of the United States is now reckoned at 57,700,000, and as the average increase is 2 per cent, exclusive of immigration, in a couple of years or so we can boast of sixty mil-

MR. GEORGE AUGUSTUS SALA WILL deliver fifteen lectures in this country while crossing it this winter on his way to Australia. He will spend about a year in Australia writing a series of letters for publication in London.

MR. FOUNTAINE, the owner of the great Fountaine collection of china, the sale of which at auction produced

The profits to Moody and Sankey on the sale of their revival hymn-books is said to have reached \$500,000. No other publications in that field have approached these in popularity. The proceeds are divided equally between the evangelists. Moody has endowed a school with a part of his share, and it is now reported that Sankey is about to do something handsomely philanthropic.

Dr. Theodatus Darling, who died in Bedford, O., a few days ago, was a man of curious knowledge. It was he who, as early as 1863, wrote one of the

ton, Dakota. He was advertised to her away.

Mrs. Haughton allowed no correlecture in the opera-house, but when he reached the ball, though brilliantly lighted not a soul was to be seen, nor ing their surprise to the great fabricaing their surprise to the great norma-tor. Then they took him over to house to house house house house house house

cured of a consuming taste for alco- persuasions and her own despair. holic stimulants that a half ounce of ground quassia steeped in a pint of vinegar, a small teaspoonful of the decoction to be drunk in a little water every time the thirst comes on, affords every time the thirst comes on, adords a certain cure. In a few days the liquor craving will have entirely disappeared. This is a cheap, simple, and harmless remedy for a very serious and expensive passion.

To find the thirst comes of, adords to as, her search seemed light, and laughter and song came from her smiling lips. Her mother congratulated herself that Hilda was coming to her senses at last, and forgetting her school-girl penchant for Hal Chester.

But ah, no! Hilda's thoughts were a certain cure. In a few days the li-

MR. JUSTICE DENMAN, says London MR. JUSTICE DERMAN, says London almost four years ago, had he not Truth, is a curious example that when promised to dance the Danube waltz intellect does show signs of being hereditary, it always breaks out in the younger and not the eldest son. Lord Denman is the member for Bridport of the house of lords. Mr. Justice Denman is a judge of considerable power. Another notable instance of this superiority of the youngest son is that of the late Lord Justice Thesiger, who was one of the youngest and ablest judges on the bench, while Gen. Lord Chelmsford, his elder brother, is only famous for having suffered the greatest military disaster of any English general of this century.

THE first territorial fair of Arizona closed a few days ago. The feature that attracted most attention was the display made by the Indians. Their exhibit comprised every form of vegetable and cereal product entering into their domestic economy, such as dried peppers, dried fruit, Spanish bayonet, dried fruit of the sahuara, or the giant cactus, buds and seeds of the "careless weed," a small brown seed something like mustard, but smaller, Indian wheat, beans, corn, etc. The Indian wheat took the first and second preminms. Numerous domestic utensels were also exhibited. Canteens, rattles, baskets, and all sorts of war toggery were displayed. One curious article was an Indian wooden plow, an exact counterpart of those used two thousand years ago in the valley of the Nile. while, strangely enough, the Indians also took the first premium for the best modern plow displayed.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

This praceful, pleasant New Year's day I waft a wish to one away. I wift a wish to one away, And would wish every sentence twins A conder thought, a learing line, A fragrant flower to bloosom, dear, Across the threshold of the year.

If only Love were strong as Fate. To make the crocked places straight, lies as, not the data delighted ruis. The goal be reached—the lanter wou, And I crime prosper, friendship cheer, And glanden each recurrany year. It bighted hopes have shadows cast Along the dead and toried past; We hock beyond them, and longer The sine that only the caree that freir And clouds that darken, disappear Before the fair advancing year. Above the dark days drawn between, Across the miles that intervene, From barren was less, from desert sand, Love reaches out anoniting hands, And breathes with many a tender tear, A blessing and a "Happy Year."

—Many F. Tucker, in St. Lowe Magazine.

CHRISTMAS STORIES.

Rer Christmas Balls.

such a sensation among European connoisseurs, is now devoting his attention
to cultivating preserves of pheasants
and making forays upon foxes.

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the twenty-second congress and of subwes a milling his dear arms around one, his tender
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said, counting the dead leaves. the twenty-second congress and of subsequent congresses up to and including the twenty-eighth, and was also governor of Massachusetts, is another one of the "oldest living ex-congressmen."

He was born in 1795, and resides at Springfield, Mass.

Norman Lovell, chief of the largest and wealthiest band of gypsies in this country, died recently near Elizabeth, N. J. His wife, the queen, died in May last, at the age of 100 years. Their eldest son will rule until next spring, when there is to be a great gypsy council and a consolidation of several bands under one head

The plaster model for a heroic-sized statue of the late S. S. Stone, of Cleveland, O., has been completed. It will surmount a monument now being built in the late N. J. He will surmount a monument now being built in the late N. S. When there is to be a great was no plast now the dear old library;" and she let him lead her away though she clamp of the most capture of the late S. S. Stone, of Cleveland, O., has been completed. It will surmount a monument now being built in the N. J. When the control of the late N. S. Stone, of Cleveland, O., has been completed. It will surmount a monument now being built in the N. J. When the control of the late N. S. Stone, of Cleveland, O., has been completed. It will surmount a monument now being built in the N. J. When the control of the late N. S. Stone, of Cleveland, O., has been completed. It will surmount a monument now being built in the N. J. When the control of the late N. S. Stone, of Cleveland, O., has been completed. It will surmount a monument now being built in the N. J. When the control of the late N. S. Stone, of Cleveland, O., has been completed. It will surmount a monument now being built in the N. J. When the control of the late N. S. Stone, of Cleveland, O., has been completed. It will surface the the number of the late of the late N. S. Stone, of Cleveland, O., has been completed. It will surface the control of the late N. S. Stone, of Cleveland, O., has been completed. It will surface the control

land, O., has been completed. It will surmount a monument now being built in Lake View cemetery, which, when finished will be in the form of a sarcophagus. The monument, when complete, will be twenty-five feet in Lake View early-five feet in Lake View complete. complete, will be twenty-live feet in height.

JUDGE CATON. of Tennessee, attended the inaugration of Franklin Pierce in 1853 and paid \$9 for a week's board, including 50 cents for candlelight, at the Mansion house, now Willard's. The judge writes to friends that he would rike to make arrangements for a week's board at Willard's next March at the same price.

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by artificial means. Likewise he was only daughter the wife of so wealthy the first American who produced da-guerreotype pictures in America, and prominent a man, gave Hilda no peace day nor night. Only a mother guerreotype pictures in America, and various conveniences in every-day use are traceable to the practical science of Dr. Darling, a very retiring man.

ELI PERKINS was given a reception worthy of his reputation at Yank-life worthy of his reputation at Yank-life worthy of the reception worth wo

spondence between her daughter and Hal Chester. Hilda was entirely too lighted not a soul was to be seen, nor lovely to be thrown away on a poor did anyone come in during the half man, even though he was the son of an old friend who had lost his entire fortune through the dishonesty of his

ket hall, where a packed house her courage almost gave way, and she felt that anything would be better than receted nim with a long...

It is alleged by one who has been saved her from yielding to her mother's

> Hal had been gone nearly four years, and it was drawing on to Christmas, and her mother's annual ball. She entered heartily into the prepara-tions, her heart seemed light, and

all of Hal, for on that Christmas night with her?-to come back to her in four years? Who wouldn't sing the old songs when he would soon be asking for them? And he would never leave for them? And he would never leave her again, for she had resolved to marry him let him be as poor as he night be, her mother should not in-fluence her now. Why her heart kept singing "Hal," "Hal," from morning till night, and her first waking and last sleeping thought was of him. She was proud of her beauty, because it would please Hal to see how she had improved.

mproved.
She dreamed of the happy future that was to be passed with him, and when she saw smilling wives and hus-hands with their children around them, she blushed as she thought how blest she would be with Hal's children in

She felt as though she trod on air, as though the world was made for her and Hal to love each other in, and that every human being, every living thing must share and rejoice in her hap-piness. Life was golden to her, and her

niness. Life was golden to her, and her lovliness became almost radient. Love beautifies all women and Hilda was utterly absorbed in her love for Hal.

The days passed on and Christmas night had come. Hilda was among her mother's guests, happy, smiling, lovely, dressed as nearly as fashion would allow, like the Hilda of four years are. All day she had been in would allow, like the Hilda of four years ago. All day she had been in a state of nervous expectancy, but now she stood with a half waiting expression in her lovely eyes. Hal was in the car, so much she had learned from a friend, and now she had to but to wait a little while, but ahl this little while, this last hour was

onger than the past four years.

She went into the front room where

He looked up at the shaggy man and She went into the front room where said wisifully:
her mother was receiving a few late said wisifully:
"Are you the Prince? Are you look-

"Hilda, my love, here is an old ing for the Princess? Did she go away friend for you to welcome."

Had she gotten a glimpse into Heaven that made her lovely face so "Who told you all that?" asked the

man of curious knowledge. It was he the men selected by her mother, even who, as early as 1853, wrote one of the first and best books on fish culture, and Mrs. Haughton, flattered and he was the first man to hatch fish and pleased with the blea of scales has a warmth and color for school and many of fluttered, and the sun fackered and fluttered and f

those little red and black ones around the corner are just beautiful."
"Ain't they?" cried the delighted Bobbie. "Iwo little black blocks and

booble. "Iwo little black blocks and one little red one. Oh, Mary, but they're five cents, and I've only got four!" She held out the coveted penny.

She hold out the covered penny.
"I think Katis Smith might like one
for a Christmas gift."
"Oh, no, no, no!" shouted Bobbie,
"but it's not for Katis Smith; it's
for—" Then he put both hands over
his foolish little mouth and chuckled
softly.

softly.
"You'd better go away, or you might tell me secrets." laughed Mary.
And Bobbie, chuckling harder than

ever, ran out into the street.

The little old lady who kept the little old shop where he had spied the penwipers, was very busy that aftern The tiny place was full of old-fash-ioned people who were buying her scarlet mittens, or her dainty tasseled hoods and jackets, or even the glass-cyed canton-flannel elophants that stood in her windows and stared out at the naughty world.

Bobbie slipped into a corner, away from the crowd of bustling people, and looked on.

Presently the door-bell tinkled, and another customer came in. He was a tall man with a very brown face, and he wore a shaggy cost that fell down to his heels. He stood there at the door and scanned the faces of the buyers, one by one. Then he caught Bobbie's eyes, and smiled down at him.

"I'm looking for somebody," he said, "but I can't find her after all." Now the smile died out of his face and

lar shadows with it: and Bobbic's yellow hair and Mary's together, made
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answer, and sighed:
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and young; and he dearly loved the
Princes show as going to marry her,"
said Mary, "and give her everything,
side wanted, and then—"
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said Mary, "and give her everything,
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any more.

"Though as long as an Princess thought he would and wanter for him," said Mary.

Bobbie always looked solemn when they came to this part of the story. In some inexplicable way he thought that he could remember the Princess, and that he had known her. And had not that he had known as his Mary's?

If feel sorry for the Princess," he sid. Then Mary kissed him.

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papers, etc.; and sundries,—thus reads the Tariff List.

This is what is called "Protection." That is, putting heavy duties on for-sign articles and commodities raises the price of those foreign articles, and ompels people to buy, instead, those nade and produced by American in-ustry.—From "Among the Law-Mak-rs," by Edmund Allon, in St. Nicholas

Seventy-one years ago on Friday Fort Niagara was captured by the English. When McClure abandoned Fort George and laid Newark in ashes in December, in most inharmonious attire, but the immigrants conceive their choice as a the Niagara River on the 18th about 1,000 strong, regulars and Indians, under Col. Murray. Gross negligence or positive treachery had exposed the fort to easy capture. The British entered, and a large number of the garison, part of them invalids, were bayoneted after resistance had ceased.

FARM AND GARDEN.

vines, etc., in the spring, and the such of coal far is see strong during the whole season that insects will not touch the plants.

It requires a good deal of patience to take cars of a flock of sleep; and anless they are well cared for they

was originated by a horse jockey, whose horse when rapidly driven, made a whistling noise. How any gentleman or lady of any tenderness of feeling and possessing ordinary in-telligence can consent to ride behind a horse which is being tortured with ich a silly contrivance of cruelty is

Like the old story in which discon-ented beings are fitted out with new cental or physical garments from a ast heap of cast-off vanities, the im-algrants at Castle Garden coact an migrants at Castle Garden conet an interesting drama at stated times each year. All clothing left by the immigrants in the steamers is distributed to any who choose to take it after the disinfecting process. The result is said to be comical. One will wear a dress*three times too large for her, because it happens to be better than one which would sait. Another gets a

Discarded Clothing at Castle Garden.

There are in the whole United States There are in the whole United States 50,017 postoffices. Of these 2,323 are known as first, second and third class respectively, and are filled by presidential appointment confirmed by the senate. The remaining 47,604 are, as fourth-class offices, filled by the postmaster general without consulting either the president or the senate. They include all offices where the postmasters receive an annual compensation, exclusive of their commission on the money order business of clinb swinging is commented in the expension of the commented in the expension of the commented in the expension of the commented in the comme

and never ceme back any more. If Ill and specified properties of the part of the specified properties of the part of the part

to take carse of a flock of skeep; and unless they are well cared for, they are the most unprofitable stock on the farm. A skeep if neglected seen starts down hill, and if once started it is, next to impossible to turn it up grade again. It is very important the flock starts into the winter in good condition, and is kept thriving all along.

The Veterinary Journal says of the over-check rein: "The over-check rein was originated by a herse jokkey, whose horse when rapidly driven made a whistling noise. How any gentleman or lady of any tenderness of the care of the care of the lack of the lack of the care of the lack of the to St. Louis, nearly 800 miles, with branches, and to Cincinnati as well, has a very intinate connection with Vandorbilt's properties. Mr. Vander-bilt is not distinctly felt in all these roperties. Sometimes he seems to be the ruling spirit of it, and then again he announces that he has noth-ing to do with it, and must be count-

sure to rains, and if the shocks are carelessly made and become prostrated Plant standard pears twenty fee, apart, says a fruit grower The southern papers are urging their readers to sow more wheat and oats. A Mr. Jones, of Outavio, Canada, is credited with having the largest beer farm in the world. Easilage is no more nutritions than A Mr. San Franciscan Who New Outranks the New York, aparts a finite grower of the control of the country and observing the condition of most of the country and observed whatever as food. In passing through they are soon rendered of no value whatever as food. In passing through they are soon rendered of no value whatever as food. In passing through they are soon rendered to they are soon rendered of no value whatever as food.

one-half of the value of well-kept of uninjured stalks. In those regions of the country where the corn is left standing and not cut or secured in shorts, exposure to all kinds of weather soon reduces their value and spoils valley, Va.

A still greater waste results from the common practice of feeding the staiks whole. The cows cat off the leaves, and leave nearly all the rest untouched, which, when anised through the manner, renders it unit for hands the manner, renders it unit for hands the manner, renders it unit for hands the same than the same waste and the same than the same t ling and spreading until rotted by several months exposure in the manure hear. Taken altogether, it is safe to say that not more then. heap. Taken altogether, it is safe to say that not more than one-quarter of the best value of the cornstalks is obtained by the average farmer. Assuming that their value when uninjured is at least one-fifth that of the corn, and the average corn crep to be 1.500, 600 bushels in the whole country, then the average for the importance of the corn of the c

and the average corn cross to be 1,300,100,000 hushels in the whole country, then the actual loss from the impertect management of the fodder would be equal to the value of 225,000,000 hushels or about \$100,000,000 annually knoxylle, Tenn. has been reduced to inisheds or about \$100,000,000 annually to the farmers of the country at large. How may this loss be prevented? In twenty-five hours and fifty-five minutes ways. First by taking special pains in securing the cern in shocks. There the stalks equally on all sides of the center, so that in setting they will not incline to one side or become prostrated. Avoid making small shocks, which are easily overthrown. But in making large and substantial ones and killed. nuking large and substantial ones give sufficient ventilation by allowing An object of interest at a fair in the cretices between them. If they are northwest, the contribution of an Indian was a war bonnet tringed with

Fig. 1 and 10 they are provided in making fases and towards of the street and the

There are no shops in Adowa or in any other Abyssinian town. All trade is done within the trader's home or bread is made; tedge and mead are brewed in each household. Each house rears its own cattle as well as children—baby, goats, lambs, fowls, and chickens are brought up together, and are playmates from their youth.

The Marie Therese dollar-piece is

the only coin. Cloth and bars of rock salt ten inches long by two wide and deep, bound with a reed, serve as their ordinary medium of barter. Members of our mission traded a good deal with empty beer bottles, receiving two chickens and a dozen eggs for a quart. I made everlasting friendship with a village chief by making him a present of an empty Worcester sance bottle; the glass stopper appearing to be a source of delight and comfort to him. again he amounces that he has nothing to do with it, and must be counted out. You can define him, however, to be a capitalist and the heart of railing to also. It is, perhaps, a good thing for the United States that Vanderbilt is not a man of Huntington's strong arraping nature; that he becomes at times indifferent and tired, and sells that. Huntington hardly ever sells anywhere.

The France farmers expect to realize enough from the folder of corn to pay do cultivating the crop. In the east-cern states the practice of cutting off the stalks of corn near the bottom of the car and of carefully curing and storing them is general. In the south it is the custom to block off the eaves of corn while they are green and to core them for fodder to use during the winter. In many parts of the west the stalks remain on the hills were they grow till they are broken down for the purpose of plowing the work of the purpose of plowing the stalks is interested in feeding corn The Country Gentleman says: One of the most extensive sources of waste among farmers in the mismanagement of corn fodder. The annual loss in the country at large, amounts to many millions. The value of stalks is injured by expo-

FACT AND FANCY.

Work has been begun on a magnetic alsorvatory at Cornell

There are twenty-three Smiths at Harvard and lifteen at Yale, On the ranches of Idalm there are said to be at present 260,000 cattle.

vate upward of four thousand acres of

The selectmen of Colebrook, N. H.

papers appear to be agreed in the ne-cessity of the logislature shortening its session and reducing the expense. The Hartford Galling Gan company, which is filling an order for six machine guns, costing \$1.600 cach, for the king of Corea, naxionaly available the form of his majesty from the mountains, where his rebellious subjects have deliver him. have driven him.

An ingenious journalist circulates that the ballot papers printed for use in the presidential election would, if pasted end to end, go entirely around for a double bow-knot. The weight of the paper was 760 tons. A Maryland man was eating some

but when it was opened he found, to his surprise, instead of a nice fat oyster, a live lish about five inches long inside, and it had devoured all but the heart of the ovster. A dispute arose not long since be-A dispute arise not long since between some miners on the Grande Ronde river in easiern Oregon. Four miners, two on each side, agreed to settle the right by a fight, the battle to be fought with knives, the antagonists being tied fast together. The men were dreadfully slashed and cut.

Two are reported fatally stabbed and two dangerously wounded.

An Arizona editor, after writing a An Arizona editor, after writing a leader on the merits of a patent medi-cine, thus enlightens his readers on English politics: "Old Gladstone is taking our advice and giving the aris-tocrats fits. But he made a bad break when he concluded to spare the house of lords. We warn him that such a hills shall course work to Kick shilly-shally course won't do. Kick the lords out of the upper house, and fill it up with horny-handed sons of toil. Gladstone means well, but he doesn't know much about true liberty, and he hasn't much sand."

Indians at the Duck Valley reservation in Nevada, raised last season wheat enough to last them two years. Quite a number of the red men on the Quite a number of the red men on the reservation are in good circumstances, possessing considerable stock, and having on hand goodly amounts of grain. They team their produce to Mountain City, where they dispose of it for eash and store supplies. They live in comfortable houses, and their larders are better supplied with alimentary comforts and luxuries than many families in the exclusively white settlements.

For some time stove manufacturers.

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For some time stove manufacturers and dealers have seen mica grow scarcer and scarcer, and have heard the steady complaints of stove owners and stove dealers about its rapidly increasing price. There has never been a very liberal supply in the world, what there was coming from the Rocky mountains and the south. Within the past week, a mica mine has been discovered near Tallulah, Ga., which is pronounced by an expert and successful minor to be the richest mine he ever saw in any section. The mine contains blocks that will square one foot, and the vein is adjudged to be inexhaustible. Should it so prove, it will be of immense value to people in every station in life, as well as a bonance to the fortunate owner. Mica is to be one of the absolute necessities of American economy.